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HIGH SPEED TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average speed of Express Trains in the country;

(b) whether several foreign countries have fast moving trains, much faster than the Indian average;

(c) if so, the maximum and minimum average speed of such fast moving trains; and

(d) the steps taken by the Indian Railways to acquire such technical knowledge so as to start such fast moving trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The average speed of mail/express Broad Gauge trains during the year 2006-07 was 48.5 kilometre per hour.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir.In Japan and France trains are running upto a maximum commercial speed of 300 kilometre per hour (kmph) and 350 kmph respectively.

(d): Indian Railways is planning to conduct pre-feasibility studies for High speed trains for four corridors in India. These studies could provide lot of insight in the technologies being used in other countries.